GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PENDING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of water projects lying pending between India and Nepal as on date;

(b) if so, the reasons for their pendency;

(c) whether these projects on completion would help in preventing floods in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(d) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Nepal; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Water resources projects have been discussed with Nepal from time to time and currently the following projects are under discussion:

1. Pancheshwar Multipurpose project;

2. Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme;

3. Burhi Gandaki Hydroelectric Project;

4. Upper Karnali Hydro Electric Project;

5. Kamla Multipurpose Project;
6. Bagmati Multipurpose Project;

(b), (d) & (e) 1. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project:

Field investigations have mostly been completed and the Joint Detailed Project Report is to be finalized after resolving the pending issues with Nepal for which discussions are continuing.

2. Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme: With the completion of process of exchange of letters on 21st June, 2004, understanding has been reached between India & Nepal to take up field investigations & preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report (DPR) by setting up the Jont Project Office in Nepal. Government of India has already approved a scheme estimated to cost Rs. 29.34 crore to take up field investigations and preparation of DPR.

3. Burhi Gandaki Hydroelectric Project:

Agreement, in principle, has been reached to take up field investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report by an Indian agency, for which an Memorandum of Understanding is to be signed between India & Nepal.

4. Upper Karnali Hydro Electric Project:

NHPC is looking into the feasibility of implementing this project under the Hydro Power Policy of Nepal and is discussing the matter with the Nepal Electricity Authority.

5 & 6 Kamla and Bagmati Multipurpose Projects:

These projects are under discussions with Nepal though Nepalese side feel that these may not be feasible because of social and environmental implications. This matter was discussed during the 5th meeting of Joint Team of Experts in June, 2003 and is being followed up further.

(c) As per the Joint inception report, Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme, envisages interalia flood control benefits for North Bihar. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project will have incidental flood control benefits for Uttar Pradesh. Upper Karnali Hydro Electric Project being a runoff the river scheme, does not envisage any flood control benefits. As regards, Burhi Gandaki Hydro Electric Project; Kamla & Bagmati Multipurpose Projects, scope of the projects can be firmed up only after the agreement is reached with Nepal in respect of these projects.